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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

Before calculation of claim fees and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-38 without prejudice, and add the following new claims 39-81:

39. (new) An apparatus for sealing a passage through tissue, comprising:
an elongate shaft having a proximal end and a distal end; and

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